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Title: ORGANIC COMPOUND AND METAL ION SYNERGISTIC DISINFECTION
AND PURIFICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Examiner Chorbaji:

AMENDMENT

In response to the First Office Action dated May 9, 2004, and mailed on May 19, 2004, and the informal telephone interview with the Examiner on June 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Examiner Chorbaji in the June 29, 2004, interview indicated that the scope of the claims of the instant application were anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,596,401 (Terry, et al.), or otherwise rendered obvious by Terry, U.S. Patent No. 5,997,814 (Minerovic, et al.) and also U.S. Patent No. 6,541,606 (Margolin, et al.) Examiner Chorbaji indicated that the use of the word "comprising" in the claims did not sufficiently limit the claims to the compositions set forth in the claims and therefore the cited references rendered the claims non-allowable. The substitution of the term "consisting essentially of" instead of comprising was discussed. Examiner Chorbaji indicated that if the application were amended as stated above an additional search would have to be undertaken.

Additionally, to embrace the intended scope of the patent application the claims are amended to clarify that the chemical equivalents of the plant extracts set forth in the claims are included as subject matter of the claims of this patent application. Hence the Claims have been amended as follows: